

23 October 1954

Major General Lewis B. Hershey,  
 Director of Selective Service  
 Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear General Hershey:

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Since our last meeting I have had an opportunity to talk personally with [redacted]. He impressed me as a young man of evident personal integrity, and in reviewing his past association with us I have satisfied myself that there is no reason for suspecting his motivation, and he has achieved considerable accomplishments on our behalf [redacted].

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[redacted] These accomplishments were at the cost of real personal sacrifice on his part. Certainly I could detect no evidence that the work he has done for us was undertaken by him in order to escape his military responsibilities. He has always expressed to us his determination to perform his full duty in the armed services of the United States at the conclusion of his service with us.

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However, in view of the local draft board's position in this case, and in view of the impossibility of informing them of the real circumstances, I have reluctantly concluded that it is to the best interest of all concerned that he now be subject to induction and that no additional deferment be sought for him. I am, therefore, withdrawing my request for this deferment, and I have so advised Mr. [redacted] in person.

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Since we are losing an important asset whose immediate replacement will be operationally difficult, we would appreciate having [redacted]

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[redacted] You would be the best judge as to whether this delay would be possible or would be likely to engender the kind of protest in the local draft board that we are both anxious to avoid. I would leave the answer on this point to your good judgment.

Sincerely yours,

/S/

Allen W. Dulles  
 Director

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6 October 1954

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Major General Lewis B. Hershey  
Director of Selective Service  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Hershey:

I am in receipt of your letter of 23 September 1954 dealing with our request for a directed classification for [redacted]

[redacted] Before commenting further on this particular matter, I wish to express to you our sincere appreciation for the consideration you have given to requests from this Agency. Also, I wish to emphasize that we have been adopting policies and procedures in order to reduce to the very minimum requests for deferments. It is wholly against my policy that CIA should ever, under any circumstances, be used as an excuse to defer anyone from military service. Such deferments as we request can only be justified if in the interest of a more immediate call to duty. I am advised that at the present

[redacted] This indicates the effect of our present policies on the number of requests being made.

I only revert to the present case of [redacted] to clear up any possible misconceptions and to straighten out one or two points raised in your letter. I do this only as I gather from your letter that you had a feeling that some persons in CIA might be misleading, or withholding information from, NSSM.

With respect to the four points raised in your letter, I would add the following:

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